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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 10:00am Tommy Neavyn RIP
 Tuesday 10:00am Mary Cummins RIP
 Wednesday 1:00pm **Requiem Maureen Barker RIP**
 7:00pm Intention of Beatrice
 7:30pm Baptismal Parents Meeting
 Thursday 10:00am Alice McLaughlin FM
4:00pm Benediction – With school children and parents, ALL welcome.
Feast of St Patrick
 Friday 10:00am Peace in Ireland
Stations of the Cross immediately after Mass
Fourth Sunday in Lent
 Saturday 6:00pm Susan Nolan RIP
 Sunday 8:30am Victims of Abuse
 10:00am John King RIP
 12:00noon People of the Parish

DAILY MASS

It is a great sadness that we have the privilege of daily mass and yet so few attend, even during Lent. I am sure many more people, with a bit of effort could attend and pray for the world. As Jesus says there are certain things which can only be done by prayer. Why not consider one or two mornings a week. I am sure God has been very good to you.

CONFESSION

A great release of stress. Send me a text or come to the office any Saturday between 2pm and 4pm

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day.

There will be a second collection next weekend. Please see donation envelopes in the back at exit to the church or donate online at: cafod.org.uk/lent. If you are up for a challenge, why not participate in the Big Lent Walk - 200km in 40 days? Details are on walk.cafod.org.uk

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND.

If you know of any one who is sick or housebound and cannot come to Mass please let me now. Please don't wait till they're ga ga and can't have communion. Please tell me on time.

Fr Jack

My favourite Gospel. I've got a beautiful carving, from Jerusalem, of this scene. Here you have got a terrific encounter between two people. Remember this took place two thousand years ago. look at the contrast:-

<u>JESUS</u>	<u>THE WOMAN</u>
a man	a woman
a Jew	a Samaritan
a rabbi	a sinner
God	a human

And Jesus is at home in this scene. Shattering all our prejudices and isms - sexism, racism, sectarianism, nationalism, superiorism. He sees his sister and he loves her, does not judge her. How often am I guilty of judging and condemning rather than seeing the potential of another human being and a friend. As Jesus says our worship needs to be in SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH, or as the Pope says, "For it is in togetherness that we follow Jesus. Together too, as a pilgrim Church in time, we experience the liturgical year and Lent within it, **walking alongside** those whom the Lord has placed among us as fellow travellers," The woman having met Jesus goes on to talk about him.

Wellbeing Group

We are setting up the St James' Wellbeing Community Group. This group will be a safe and friendly environment to talk about any issues that may affect you and help guide you with useful information. There will also be a free two-part training from NHS in mental wellbeing coming up soon. We welcome everyone to join this group every last Sunday of the Month. In addition to this group, we are interested in setting up a kids club on either Saturday or Sunday, parents please let us know if this would be of interest by letting Fr Jack know.

I cannot change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.

Jimmy Dean